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Cauchari JV Drilling Update NW Sector Pumping Test - 601 mg/l Lithium with pumping capacity to 36 l/s

Orocobre Limited (ASX: ORE, TSX: ORL) ("Orocobre" or "the Company") is pleased to provide an update on the results of the pumping test conducted on CAU07 in the NW Sector of the Cauchari JV properties located in Jujuy Province, Argentina.

The exploration program is being managed by JV partner **Advantage Lithium Corp.** ("Advantage Lithium") (TSX Venture: AAL) (OTCQX: AVLIF) who hold 75% of Cauchari. Orocobre owns 33% of Advantage Lithium's issued capital.

Highlights:

- Positive results from CAU07 four-step pumping test suggest rates as high as 36 l/s are achievable
- CAU07 constant rate pumping test conducted at 17 l/s over 48 hours with flow limited by the pump capacity
- Good brine chemistry with 19 samples taken over the pumping test averaging 601 mg/l Lithium and 4,853 mg/l Potassium with a Mg/Li ratio of 2.6:1
- Hole CAU13 in the SE Sector of Cauchari successfully intersected a sequence of sandy sediments below 400 m; adding additional brine volume in this area for the upcoming resource estimate

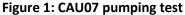
Cauchari NW Sector - CAU07 pumping test results

CAU07 was drilled to a depth of 343 m in the north of the NW Sector of the property. This drill hole intersected some clay units and material thicknesses of sand and gravel dominated units with favourable porosity and permeability characteristics. The hole has screened intervals between 135 m and 325 m depth.

A variable flow rate pumping test (step test) was conducted on the well at flow rates from 3.5 to 17 l/s, limited by the capacity of the pump used in the pumping test (Figure 1). The well has a high specific capacity and the test suggests that a flow rate of approximately 36 l/s may be feasible. The pumping test results confirm the excellent hydraulic characteristics in the NW Sector (as shown in Figure 2) which are favorable for future brine extraction. The constant rate pumping test was conducted at a flow rate of 17 l/s -20 l/s over a period of 48 hours. 19 brine samples were taken during the pumping test with the average concentration of 601 mg/l Lithium and 4,853 mg/l Potassium and a low Mg/Li ratio of 2.6:1. The Mg/Li ratio is very similar to that in the producing Olaroz lithium project.

All brine analyses were completed in a commercially accredited laboratory in Argentina, accompanied by QA/QC samples, comprising brine standards and duplicates¹. This information confirms the importance of the sand dominated units that Advantage has been exploring for.

Orocobre Managing Director Mr Richard Seville commented, "The exploration programme being managed by our partner Advantage Lithium is moving ahead with strong results. This latest pump tests show high grades, high flow rates and confirms the potential of the north west sector. Hole CAU07 is the first pump test in this area and the results reflect the quality of the sandy aquifers present there. Drilling continues in both the NW and SE Sectors and we look forward to producing an upgraded resource for the NW and SE Sectors once the drilling is completed."





Cauchari SE Sector - CAU013 drilling

CAU13 was drilled to a depth of 449 m in the west of the SE Sector of the project (refer to map Figure 2). CAU13 intersected a sequence of clay, silt and some sand and halite to 400 m depth and a more sandy interval from 400 m to the end of the hole. It is not clear to what depth the deeper sand unit extends at this drilling location. The drill rig has now moved to deepen hole CAU12, which is located 2 km to the SW. Brine analyses are awaited from drilling of CAU13 and will be released when they become available.

Additional Cauchari drilling

Upon completion of diamond hole CAU18 in the NW Sector the rig will drill hole CAU17 2.5 km further to the west. In the SE Sector the second diamond drill rig will deepen CAU12 to explore for the deep sand and gravel unit and then commence drilling CAU14 located some 5 km further to the northeast.

¹ Assaying completed at Alex Stewart Laboratories in Jujuy city, Argentina under strict QA/QC protocols.

Drill hole location and details

Exploration Hole Number	Sector	Total Depth (m)	Depth Installed Well (m)	Assay Interval (m)	Lithium (mg/I avg)	Potassium (mg/l avg)	Drilling Method	Kruger A	tes Gauss rgentine* Posgar	Elevation Mean Sea Level (m) ⁺		Dip
								Easting	Northing	, ,		
CAU07	NW	343	325	135-343	601	4,853	Rotary	3,421,199	7,383,989	3,940	0	-90
CAU08	SE	400	400	50-400	517	5,319	Rotary	3,423,941	7,374,495	3,900	0	-90
CAU09	SE	400	400	60-400	662	6,137	Rotary	3,423,775	7,377,806	3,900	0	-90
CAU10	SE	429	340	50-340	682	6,516	Rotary	3,425,530	7,379,295	3,900	0	-90
CAU11	SE	480	476	50-476	515	4,577	Rotary	3,421,757	7,372,564	3,900	0	-90
CAU12	SE	Drilling partially completed				Diamond	3,421,693	7,374,673	3,900	0	-90	
CAU13	SE	Drilling completed - results pending			Diamond	3,422,773	7,376,283	3,900	0	-90		
CAU15	NW	243.5	210	102-234.5	475 within 407 mg/l interval	3,662 within 3196 mg/l interval	Diamond	3,419,288	7,373,385	3,900	0	-90
CAU16	NW	321.5	202	14-298	529 within 436 mg/l interval	4,306 within 3,608 mg/l interval	Diamond	3,419,935	7,379,900	3,900	0	-90
CAU17	NW	Pre-collar completed			Diamond	3,419,964	7,387,429	3,945	0	-90		
CAU18	NW	Drilling underway			Diamond	3,422,580	7,386,975	3,940	0	-90		

^{*} Gauss Kruger Zone 3, using the POSGAR Datum. Hand held GPS locations, not yet confirmed by surveying

⁺ Nominal elevations from DEM. Hole elevations to be confirmed by surveying.

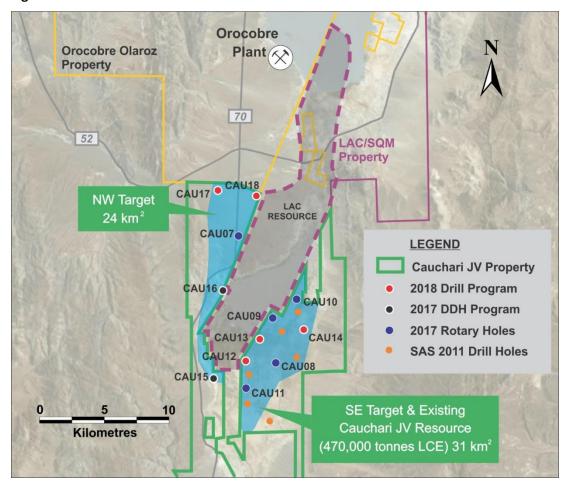


Figure 2: Location of CAU07 and other Cauchari drill holes

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Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to exploration reporting at the Cauchari JV project has been prepared by Mr Murray Brooker. Murray Brooker is a geologist and hydrogeologist and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Brooker is an employee of Hydrominex Geoscience Pty Ltd and is independent of Orocobre. Murray has sufficient relevant experience to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. He is also a "Qualified Person" as defined in NI 43-101. Murray Brooker consents to the inclusion in this announcement of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

About Orocobre Limited

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JORC Table 1 – Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data (Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria **JORC Code explanation** Commentary Sampling Nature and quality of sampling (eg Rotary drill holes (CAU07, CAU08, techniques cut channels, random chips, or CAU11) were used to install test specific specialised industry production wells for pumping test standard measurement tools evaluations and to allow sampling of the appropriate to the minerals under pumped brine, to be followed by investigation, such as down hole systematic sampling within screen gamma sondes, or handheld XRF sections of these wells. Initial pumping instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the tests were conducted for 48 hours and broad meaning of sampling. provided composite brine samples which Include reference to measures taken indicate the lithium concentration in to ensure sample representivity and brine that can be extracted from these the appropriate calibration of any wells. These composite pumped samples measurement tools or systems used. are considered to be representative and Aspects of the determination of provide a composite of the brine present mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. in aquifers and leaky sediment units In cases where 'industry standard' intersected during drilling. It should be work has been done this would be noted that the permeability of the relatively simple (eg 'reverse sedimentary units influences their circulation drilling was used to relative contribution to the brine flow obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg and lithium concentration. was pulverised to produce a 30 g Drill core in diamond holes (CAU12, charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, CAU13) was recovered in 1.5 m length such as where there is coarse gold core runs in polycarbonate tubes where that has inherent sampling these were available, to minimize sample problems. Unusual commodities or disturbance. Where these tubes were mineralisation types (eg submarine not available standard core split triple nodules) may warrant disclosure of tubes were used, with core samples detailed information. wrapped in cling-film and duct tape following recovery, to prevent moisture loss from the core before storage in core boxes. Drill core was undertaken to obtain representative samples of the sediments that host brine, to evaluate the porosity and permeability of these host sediments for use in the resource estimate. Brine samples were collected at discrete depths during the diamond drilling using bailer or a double packer or device. Use of the packer device was limited in places by the extensive sand encountered in the drill hole and concerns regarding over

inflation of the packer and collapse of sandy material trapping the packer. In

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		 these intervals a bailer device was used for purging brine from the holes and for sampling. The holes are geophysically logged with simple resistivity and SP logs, to provide information on the lithology, in particular identifying units of halite (salt). The brine samples were collected in clean plastic bottles and filled to the top to minimize air space within the bottle. Each bottle was marked with the time and relabeled with a sample number before sending the sample to the laboratory.
Drilling techniques	Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, facesampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).	 Diamond drilling with an internal (triple) tube was used for drilling. The drilling produced cores with variable and often poor core recovery, associated with extensive unconsolidated sandy material reported in both holes. Recovery of these more friable sediments is more difficult with diamond drilling, as this material can be washed from the core barrel during drilling. Fresh water has been used as drilling fluid for lubrication during drilling of CAU12 and CAU13, to minimize the possibility of contamination of natural formation brine with lithium-bearing fluids. Biodegradable additives are used to minimize the development of thick wall cake in the holes that could reduce the inflow of brine to the hole and affect brine quality, while providing sufficient drilling fluid density to optimise core recovery. Rotary drilling was undertaken to install pumping test wells, using rotary drilling with biodegradable drilling additives to minimize formation of wall cake in the holes which could reduce brine flows into the test wells.
Drill sample recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed. Measures taken to maximise sample	 Diamond drill core was recovered in 1.5m length intervals in the drilling triple (polycarbonate) tubes. Appropriate additives were used for hole stability, to

Criteria **JORC Code explanation** Commentary recovery and ensure representative maximize core recovery. The nature of the samples. recoveries were measured from the Whether a relationship exists cores and compared to the length of between sample recovery and grade each run to calculate the recovery. and whether sample bias may have Brine samples were collected at discrete occurred due to preferential depths during the drilling using a double loss/gain of fine/coarse material. packer over a 1 m interval (to isolate intervals of the sediments and obtain samples from airlifting brine from the sediments) or bailer device over an ~1 m interval at the base of the hole during drilling (sampling the brine inflow at the base of the hole where the drill rods were raised to allow brine inflow, following purging of the standing water - drilling fluid – in the hole). Use of the packer device was limited by the extensive sand encountered in the drill hole and concerns regarding stability of the holes during sampling. The simple bailer device was used for purging brine from the holes and for sampling in these circumstances. As the lithium brine (mineralisation) samples are taken from inflows of the brine into the hole (and not from the drill core - which has variable recovery) they are largely independent of the quality (recovery) of the core samples. However, the permeability of the lithologies where samples are taken is related to the rate and potentially lithium grade of brine inflows. Rotary holes provided composite brine samples from pumping tests, to be followed by systematic sampling of screen intervals within these wells. Logging Whether core and chip samples Diamond holes are logged by a senior have been geologically and geologist who also supervised taking of geotechnically logged to a level of samples for laboratory porosity analysis. detail to support appropriate Logging is both qualitative and Mineral Resource estimation, mining quantitative in nature. The relative studies and metallurgical studies. proportions of different lithologies which Whether logging is qualitative or have a direct bearing on the overall quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography. porosity, contained and potentially The total length and percentage of extractable brine are noted, as are more the relevant intersections logged.

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		 qualitative characteristics such as the sedimentary facies and their relationships. Core recoveries are measured for the entire core recovered. Rotary wells were logged by experienced geologists. However, interpretation of the sediment types is more qualitative, due to the drilling method.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	 If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry. For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled. 	 Core samples are systematically subsampled for laboratory analysis, cutting the lower 10-15 cm of core from the core sample either in the polycarbonate tubes or (using a saw) preserving the sample in cling wrap, tape and the plastic tubing for transportation to the laboratory. Sub-samples will be sent to the porosity laboratory for testing. Core sampling is systematic, with samples taken at the base of core runs every 3 or 6 m to minimize any sampling bias. This is considered to be an appropriate sampling technique to obtain representative samples, although core recovery is noted to be variable. Duplicate core samples of sediments are to be prepared in the laboratory for analysis of porosity characteristics. Characteristics of porosity sub-samples are compared statistically with the sample descriptions for each sub-sample. Brine samples were collected at irregular intervals, due to difficulties using the packer equipment. Semi-systematic sampling has been undertaken in CAU12 and CAU13, depending on down hole conditions. Field duplicate samples are taken for laboratory analysis. Fluorescein tracer dye is used to distinguish drilling fluid from natural formation brine in the diamond drilling. The brine samples were collected in new unused one-litre sample bottles which were filled with brine from the bailer or the packer discharge tube. Each bottle was marked with the drill hole number

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		and details of the sample. Prior to sending samples to the laboratory they were assigned unique sequential numbers.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	 The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total. For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc. Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established. 	 The Norlab/Alex Stuart laboratory in Jujuy, Argentina is used as the primary laboratory to conduct the assaying of the brine samples collected as part of the drilling program. They also analyzed duplicates and standards, with blind control samples in the analysis chain. The laboratory is a commercially accredited laboratory specialized in the chemical analysis of brines and inorganic salts. QA/QC check samples will be sent to another independent laboratory. The quality control and analytical procedures used at the Norlab laboratory are considered to be of high quality and the laboratory is affiliated with the Alex Stuart international group of laboratories. Duplicate and standard analyses are considered to be of acceptable quality. Basic down hole geophysical tools (resistivity and SP) were provided by the rotary drilling contractor and these are believed to be calibrated periodically to produce consistent results.
Verification of sampling and assaying	 The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel. The use of twinned holes. Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols. Discuss any adjustment to assay data. 	 Accuracy, the closeness of measurements to the "true" or accepted value, was monitored by the insertion of laboratory certified standards. Duplicate samples in the analysis chain were submitted as part of the laboratory batch and results are considered acceptable. Laboratory data (from spreadsheets) is loaded directly into the project database, to be verified periodically by the independent QP.
Location of data points	 Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation. Specification of the grid system 	 The holes were located with a hand held GPS in the field and will be subsequently located by a surveyor on completion of the drilling program. Coordinates provided were located with a hand held

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	used.Quality and adequacy of topographic control.	 GPS. The location is in zone 3 of the Gauss Kruger coordinate system, with the Argentine POSGAR.
Data spacing and distribution	 Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied. Whether sample compositing has been applied. 	 Lithological data was collected throughout the drilling. The planned 6 m vertical spacing of samples is considered sufficient to establish the degree of grade continuity. Compositing of samples has not been applied. However, in the rotary drill holes pumping test brine samples are composite samples from the entire length of the installed holes where well screens are located. More comprehensive geophysical logging of diamond holes is planned to provide higher quality data on formation porosity characteristics, in addition to laboratory porosity measurements.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	 Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material. 	 The salar deposits that host lithium- bearing brines consist of sub-horizontal beds and lenses of sand, silt, halite, clay and minor gravel, depending on the location within the salar. The vertical holes are essentially perpendicular to these units, intersecting their true thickness.
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	 Samples were transported to the laboratory (primary, duplicate and other QA/QC samples) for chemical analysis in sealed rigid plastic bottles with sample numbers clearly identified. The samples were moved from the drill site to secure storage at the camp on a daily basis. All brine sample bottles are marked with a unique label.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	 No audits or reviews have been conducted at this point in time.

Section 2 - Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

JORC Code explanation Commentary Criteria Mineral The Cauchari JV properties are located Type, reference name/number, tenement and location and ownership including approximately 20 km south of the Olaroz land tenure agreements or material issues with lithium project (operated status third parties such as joint ventures, Orocobre/Sales de Jujuy) in the province partnerships, overriding royalties, of Jujuy in northern Argentina at an native title interests, historical sites, elevation of approximately 3,900 masl. wilderness or national park and The property comprises 28,000 ha in 22 environmental settings. The security of the tenure held at mineral properties in Jujuy province in the time of reporting along with any Argentina. Exploration activities are known impediments to obtaining a currently focused in the northern licence to operate in the area. properties within the larger property package. The properties consist of a combination of exploration properties (Cateos) and exploitation properties (minas). The tenements/properties are believed to be in good standing, with payments made to relevant government departments. Exploration Acknowledgment and appraisal of Exploration was previously carried out in done by other exploration by other parties. the SE Sector properties by Orocobre parties subsidiary SAS in 2011, with the drilling of 6 holes (5 diamond, 1 rotary), several of which were abandoned well short of the target depth due to problems with the drilling equipment. An initial resource was defined in accordance with the JORC code at the time of exploration. Immediately to the north of the Cauchari project Orocobre Limited has developed the Olaroz lithium project, which is the first new lithium brine project to produce lithium in 20 years. Significant exploration has been conducted immediately to the east and west of the JV properties by the company Lithium Americas Corp, who has defined a large resource and related reserve and who has completed a DFS on the project. This company is moving forward to project development with Industry major SQM. The sediments within the salar consist of Geology Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation. halite, clay, silt, sand and gravel which

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		have accumulated in the salar from terrestrial sedimentation and evaporation of brines within the salar. These units are interpreted to be essentially flat lying, with unconfined aquifer conditions close to surface and semi-confined to confined conditions at depth Brine within the salar is formed by solar concentration, with brine hosted within the different sedimentary units Geology was recorded during drilling of all the holes.
Drill hole Information	 A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes: easting and northing of the drill hole collar elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar dip and azimuth of the hole down hole length and interception depth hole length. If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case. 	 Lithological data was collected from the holes as they were drilled and cores were retrieved. Detailed geological logging of cores has not been completed to date, and cores will be split to facilitate this. Brine samples were collected from the initial bailer and packer sampling and sent for analysis to the Norlab laboratory, together with quality control/quality assurance samples All drill holes are vertical, (dip -90, azimuth 0 degrees). CAU08 was 402 m deep and CAU11 480 m, CAU07 348 m. These holes intersected lithium-bearing brine. Holes are located at approximately 3900 m above sea level.
Data aggregation methods	 In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated. Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values 	Brine samples taken were averaged (arithmetic average) without weighting across the number of samples in each hole in the lithium brine zone and in what are interpreted as different brine zones.

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Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	 should be clearly stated. These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known'). 	 Drill holes are vertical and perpendicular to the sediments that host lithiumbearing brine. The lengths reported for mineralisation (brine) intervals are from sampling and definition of the true thickness of the brine. The brine samples are considered to represent true widths of brine.
Diagrams	 Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views. 	 A diagram is provided in the text of Advantage Lithium announcements showing the location of the properties and drill holes. A table is provided in this announcement shows the location of the drill holes.
Balanced reporting	 Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results. 	 Representative data from drilling and sampling in the NW Sector of the Cauchari JV project is provided, such as lithological descriptions, brine concentrations and information on the thickness of mineralisation. Additional information will be provided as it comes to hand.
Other substantive exploration data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	 Refer to the information provided in Technical report on the Cauchari Lithium Project, Jujuy Province, Argentina, dated effective 5th December and amended 22nd December 2016 for previous geophysical and geochemical data from drilling in 2011 by the Orocobre subsidiary SAS.
Further work	 The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive. 	 The company is currently undertaking a drilling program, with the first nine holes now completed to support a resource estimate in early 2018. The program included 5 rotary holes, with up to 12 diamond holes planned for resource estimation and exploration. Additional results will be provided as available